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FLOWERS OF WAR

THE LILIES OF FRANCE

(J. F. S.)

France's lilies are tall and white,
Brave as the dawn, calm as the night;
And fragrantly they sway above
The quiet head of one I love.

Unceasingly these fadeless flowers
Hasten their bloom through the war-swept hours,
And many a lad shall have their foam
Washing with peace his new-found home.

O France's lilies are tall with pride,
Flooding the slopes of the western side.
It comforts me they sway above
The quiet head of one I love.

KNOW THYSELF

I shall not grudge the falling if I may have the fight,
For the soul of man is comfortless unless he prove his might.
Rather my body fall today unnoticed and unsought
Than I should hail tomorrow's dawn with any fight unfought.